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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Gary, Indiana, on
the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Gary was the largest United States city founded in the 20th century, but its history began long before that;

Whereas, In the 17th century, Marquette, a Frenchman who was one of the first explorers of the Mississippi River, used the Calumet Portage between the little Calumet regions, possibly camping at the eastern mouth of the Grand Calumet River where Gary's Marquette Park is now dedicated in his honor;

Whereas, Indian settlements existed throughout the northwest Indiana region in the early 19th century, but by the middle of the century most of the tribes had moved to western reservations;

Whereas, Octave Chanute, a French native and famed bridge and railroad engineer, completed the world's first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine on Gary's shores in 1896; Orville Wright would later credit Chanute with building the prototype of the plane he and his brother flew four years later;

Whereas, In 1906, Judge Elbert Gary, the chairman of United Steel Corporation, began construction on what was planned to be the largest steel plant in the world on 12,000 acres of unoccupied land at the southern end of Lake Michigan;



Whereas, Three and a half years and \$100,000 later, the mills began to operate, and the first steel was poured;

Whereas, In a matter of months, the city of Gary, named in honor of Judge Gary, was founded for thousands of steelworkers and their families who came to the region;

Whereas, As the steel industry grew in Gary, other industries developed to service the mills or to turn the mills' raw materials into other products;

Whereas, By 1980, the population of Gary had grown to 128,000, including immigrants from as far away as Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Hungary;

Whereas, Gary has many famous alumni, including Michael Jackson and the Jackson family; football's Tom Harmon, Hank Stram, and Gerald Irons; track star Lee Calhoun; actors Karl Malden, Alex Karras, Fred Williamson, and William Marshall; ex-world champion boxer Tony Zale; the Metropolitan Opera's James McCracken; baseball's Charles O. Finley and Ron Kittle; astronaut Frank Borman; sports announcer Bill Fleming; economist and Nobel Prize winner Paul A. Samuelson; gymnast Dianne Durham; armed services General Hall; Rhodes Scholar Carlton Long; and basketball's Dick Barnett; and

Whereas, All great cities have a great history and Gary is no exception: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 recognize Gary on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding
3 and to acknowledge the many contributions the citizens of Gary have
4 made to the state of Indiana and the world.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Scott King, Mayor
7 of Gary.

